

le: Regarding opening of new Higher Secondary Schools in Jharsuguda and Bargarh

SHRI SURESH PUJARI (BARGARH): Odisha in general and western Odisha, in particular, has been lagging far behind the other States so far as Primary Education, Secondary Education and Higher Education are concerned. My Parliamentary Constituency comprising the districts of Bargarh and Jharsuguda is also educationally backward in the field of Education. The District of Jharsuguda, though more than 25 years old, does not have a single Government College.

Both the districts are also educationally backward so far as the education of girl students and ST and SC students are concerned.

The Ministry of Education is providing financial assistance for the opening of New Higher Secondary Stream/ School during 2022-23 under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan across the Country. In this connection, the Ministry of Education has asked the state governments of the Country to send their proposals in pursuance of which the Government of Odisha had sent 57 proposals which have been accepted by the Ministry.

In the entire list of Schools recommended by the state government to the Centre, not a single School of my Parliamentary Constituency finds place.

In this connection, I have made a request to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha to send proposals from my Parliamentary Constituency. Proposals have been sent to the Dept. of School and Mass Education, government of Odisha from the district of Jharsuguda and

Bargarh under my Parliamentary Constituency for opening of New Higher Secondary Schools in AHS Muralipali and Lakhanpur High School of Lakhanpur block of Jharsuguda. This area is adjoining the Chhattisgarh State where there is practically no facility for higher education and students go to nearby Raigarh district of CG for higher education.

Similarly, proposals have been sent to the state government for the opening of New Higher Secondary School in Panchayat High School, Saranda and Jahnpara High School, both of Attabira Block, C.S High School of Jagalpur of Jharbandh Block, Rusuda High School of Bheden Block, Govt. High School, Panimura of Sohela Block, all of Bargarh district.

Therefore I request the Hon'ble Minister of Education to call for a report from the state government and get those schools approved by the Project Approval Board (PAV) for opening of one new Higher Secondary Schools in Jharsuguda and Bargarh.